



**GOLD CUP WINNER . . .** This entry of the Lomita-Fuehsia Club won the gold cup for club entries in the Torrance Flower, Art and Hobby Show in the Civic Auditorium last week end. Winning the second-place ribbon with its display was the Greenthumbers' Garden Club of Torrance.



**FLORIST WINNER . . .** Robert Graham of Hermosa Beach won a gold cup award for his arrangement shown here which he entered in the Flower Show here last week end.



**TOPS-IN-CUT FLOWERS . . .** T. Wada, of 1365 W. 114th St., received a gold cup for his cut flower arrangements entered in the Flower Show held here last week end.

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## SCHOOL BOARD MAY SEEK STATE AID



**ROY ARREDONDO**  
Wins Two Battles Over Cancer

### Six-Year-Old Beats Cancer Two Times, Lives Normal Boy's Life

Many people think of cancer as an old person's disease, yet little Roy Arredondo of 21204 Martin St., who is not quite six years old, has had cancer and survived it.

Roy, son of Mr. and Mrs. Manuel Arredondo, was only eight months old when the disease, known as the nation's number two killer, struck him.

His parents had taken him to a doctor because little Roy had a cold and besides, they wanted to have him checked over. During the course of a physical examination the doctor found that something was wrong with the baby's left eye. X-rays revealed that a malignant tumor was growing there, and if not stopped, it would soon take the child's life.

Surgery was performed to remove the eye and afterwards the baby was examined by a doctor every week for a year, and then every two weeks.

Roy seemed to be progressing well until he was two years old. During one of his checkups, his doctor discovered a new malignant growth in his other eye. This time X-ray treatments were given the baby every week for two months.

As he responded to the treatments, they were gradually reduced to twice a week, then they were given weekly, monthly, ev-

### Torrance Made Plane Goes Into Fleet Service Today

Final stage in the production of the Navy's F4D Skyray, manufactured at the Torrance Douglas plant, will be reached today when the supersonic interceptor goes into service with the U. S. Fleet according to information released by the Navy Department.

Six Skyray interceptors were delivered to operational units of the Pacific and Atlantic fleets after completion at an indoctrination program at the Patuxent River Naval Test Center, Md.

### Micro Park Backers Take Spat to Court

Harold and Irene Fischer, operators of the controversial Micro Park racing track at 190th St. and Hawthorne, filed an injunction suit against Redondo Beach city officials last week demanding that beach city administrators be restrained from interfering with operation of short track motorcycle races or with any other activities of the miniature racing circuit.

City officials were ordered by Superior Judge John J. Ford to appear before him next Wednesday morning to show cause why he should not issue a preliminary injunction pending trial of the suit itself.

City Council Co-Defendants  
In addition to the city, the five councilmen, mayor and chief of police were named as co-defendants.

### 'Like To Blow Pot And Fix', Suspect Says

Sheriff's deputies and Los Angeles police arrested a 33-year-old Lomita man Friday night on charges of violation of state narcotics laws and suspicion of robbery after they found a large supply of marijuana and heroin in his trailer.

Fred R. Pettyjohn, of 1861 W. Pacific Coast Hwy., was arrested after authorities received a tip-off that he was a "user."

"I'm not hurting anyone, I just like to blow a little pot and fix now and then," Pettyjohn was quoted as telling the officers after they confronted him with the dope they found.

### Elephant Has Kiddies Agog On Store Lot

Bobo the clown and Suzie the elephant, Swift Meat Co. goodwill representatives, were the featured attraction at the Jim Dandy Market here Saturday morning.

Children and parents were entertained by the impromptu circus in the shopping center parking area until 12 noon. Each performance was attended by hundreds of entranced children, thrilled by the unfamiliar sight of an elephant at the neighborhood market.

### Magazine Prints Herald Photos On Area Floods

Photos of the exploits of Torrance's Co. E, 13th Armored Engineer Bn, during last January's floods, taken by the HERALD were used in the April issue of the National Guardsman, the official publication of the National Guard.

The photographs depicted various phases of rescue operations carried on by Co. E, during Torrance's three-day inundation.

The article in which the pictures appeared is titled "Minute-Man Mercy Missions" and describes the aid given civic authorities by Southern California's 49th Armored Division at the Santa Fe passenger train disaster in Los Angeles on Jan. 22 and the Torrance area floods Jan. 25-27.

### Board Studies State Aid Plan

School administrators announced Friday that they will recommend to the Torrance Board of Education that a special school election be staged late this year, possibly in October, to obtain state aid for badly needed building funds. Citing the crowded conditions and steadily soaring enrollment for students in the Torrance Unified School District, officials said they are beginning preliminary work for the election. If the issue gets the go-ahead from voters, about \$8 million in state assistance will come into the district.

Recent refusal of legislators to act on a proposed short-term school aid proposal and an exhaustion of present bonding capacities, brought about "the only way out," as administrators termed it.

Five-Year Plan  
The fund-raising proposal is based on a five-year building and enrollment plan, which was outlined by district authorities. Under the plan, an estimated 39,000 students will be enrolled in local schools by October, 1961, as compared to an estimated 18,000 students expected to be in Torrance elementary and high schools this fall.

Existing adequate housing facilities can handle about 13,000 students, so double sessions will still be in effect at some of the local schools next year. This in spite of the fact that building seven new schools will probably be ready for use in the district eight months. About 4000 students still will be on double session when the new schools are completed, and more are flocking into the local schools every day, the authorities stated.

The actual estimated total funds needed for adequate schools in 1961 is about \$22 million. But the present bond retirement schedule will bring in about \$14 million in the next five years to the district, so that the additional \$8 million will be asked from the state if the proposal passes the election test.

Assessed Valuation  
The estimated figures, particularly those on the \$14 million bonding capacity for the next five years, are based on a 15 per cent average increase in assessed valuation each year in Torrance. Assessed valuation will increase about 20 per cent during the present fiscal year, officials continued.

The district will be given 30 years to pay off the state loan and if it isn't repaid by the end of the three-decade period, it will be written off.

No increase in taxes is anticipated because of the proposal because local residents are now paying 42.5 cents a year on bond retirements. State law prohibits further taxation if residents in the district are paying more than a 40-cent tax. School officials concluded their outline of the proposal by pointing out that if the tax rate drops below 40 cents, then only those taxes will be levied needed to bring the level back to 40 cents.



**OPENS CAMPAIGN . . .** Roy Sanderson of Hollywood Riviera, who has been denied permission to use nickname "Democrat" on the ballot, opened his campaign with a "flying pancake" breakfast Sunday morning at a restaurant at Avalon and D Sts. in Wilmington. Sanderson will oppose Supervisor Burton W. Chase in the June primary, for 4th District vote.



**BOBO AND FRIEND . . .** Bobo the Clown and his friend, Suzie, a 1000-pound, 5-year-old, regaled kiddies at the Jim Dandy lot at Torrance Blvd. and Crenshaw Saturday morning. Several hundred kiddies attended each performance during the morning, according to Market Manager Marlin "Shorty" Modland. Other appearances throughout the South Bay area have been scheduled.